**Theme Examples:**

**Eng 9**

For each excerpt, choose the most appropriate theme. Write the letter on the line.

**Themes:**

A. The most useful tools for survival are critical-thinking and problem-solving skills.

B. Land ownership can provide a feeling of independence.

C. Sometimes we must get involved and take a stand in order to protect others – even when we ourselves are not directly affected.

D. A society is stronger when it celebrates the individuality of its members, rather than acting like everyone is the same.

E. People have the same basic needs and feelings, even if their social and economic situation differs.

**Excerpts:**

\_\_\_\_\_\_ 1. “You are your most valuable asset. Don’t forget that. *You* are the best thing you have.”

– *Hatchet,* by Gary Paulsen (Chapter 5)

\_\_\_\_\_\_ 2. “There’s got to be times that what one person does is everybody’s business.”

– *Shiloh,* by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor (Chapter 15)

\_\_\_\_\_\_ 3. “Look out there, Cassie girl. All that belongs to you. You ain’t never had to live on nobody’s place and long as I live and the family survives, you’ll never have to. That’s important.”

– *Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry,* by Mildred D. Taylor (Chapter 1)

\_\_\_\_\_\_ 4. “It seemed funny to me that the sunset she saw from her parts and the one I saw from the back steps was the same one. Maybe the two worlds we lived in weren’t so different.”

- *The Outsiders,* by S.E. Hinton (Chapter 3)

\_\_\_\_\_\_ 5. “The Giver shrugged. ‘Our people made that choice… We relinquished colour when we relinquished sunshine and did away with differences.’  
‘We shouldn’t have!’ Jonas said fiercely.”

- *The Giver,* by Lois Lowry (Chapter 12)